



GM2008/6

Minutes of General Meeting held at Harrie Dening Football Centre on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

Meeting opened at 7.30 pm

G. O'Rourke presiding

**ATTENDANCE:** G. O'Rourke, J. Jones, B. Rivett, T. Hill, B. Jones, T. Hill, G. di Stefano, B. Charlton, R. Foulcher, C. Rigby, G. Lockwood, S. Simonovski  
Clubs as per Attendance Sheet

**CLUB NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** HEATHCOTE

**APOLOGIES:** D. McGoldrick (LOA), S. Wackwitz (LOA), R. Harwin, J. Fsadni, B. Weekley, G. Hope

1. **Minutes**

1.1 GM2008/5

M/S Minutes be taken as read. Carried.

M/S Minutes be adopted. Carried.

2. **Coaching Committee**

2.1 Paul Bentvelzen, High Performance Manager for Football NSW, recently ran a coaching update at Bates Drive for about 40 coaches – the Development Squads participated in the drills and I would like to commend them on their commitment and behaviour.

2.2 A further 50+ Shire based Rooball coaches obtained their Grassroots Certificate at a Course held at Bates Drive on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

2.3 A number of representatives from SSFA and Clubs attended the recent FFA National Coaching Conference – further details and information will be made available soon.

2.4 Charlie Davidson will be providing the June update – this is courtesy of Gymea. Full details will be provided to Clubs as they become available.

2.5 Bosco FC will be hosting a Football NSW Junior Licence Certificate commencing Monday, June 16 – the Course if fully booked. If there are any Clubs or groups of Clubs who feel they have an adequate number of candidates to run an in-house Football NSW Junior Licence Certificate please contact me.





- 2.6 Planning for 2009 has begun with feedback being compiled on SSG for presentation to FFA. Any Clubs who would like to provide further feedback can do so by email or our Coaching Committee can make itself available for forums held at your Club. We have done a number of these already this season which have provided valuable feedback. Feedback to be in by 30.6.08.

The 2009 plan, which will be released prior to the end of the 2008 season to ensure adequate time for communication will include:

- (a) 2009 SSG Rollout
- (b) Changes to 2008 SSG for 2009
- (c) Rep. team selection policies – Player
- (d) Rep. team selection policies – Coach/Manager
- (e) Development Squad expansion

- 2.7 The Coaching Panel continues to develop strong relationships with both Football NSW and FFA at technical and coaching levels with ongoing commitments provided by both organisations to improving coach education.

### 3. **Snr. Vice President**

#### 3.1 **Disciplinary Panel and Committee**

Details of send offs for matches up to and including Round 10 are:

Total Send Offs – 206 – made up of 204 straight Reds and 102 Double Yellows

The majority of Straight Reds send offs were:

R2-A – Violent Conduct Off the Ball – 44

R6-A – Offensive Language to a Player or Minor Language to a Referee - 16

R6-C – Offensive/Insulting Language to a Referee – 22

There have been a total of eight (8) challenges against Panel's preliminary decision for five (5) resulting in reduced penalties.

It should be noted that most of the R6-C offences occur AFTER a player has been sent off, often after a "double yellow" send off.

It was pleasing to note that for the first time in 2008 there were no R6-C Offences for Round 10, maybe players are learning that it just doesn't pay, particularly as it usually results in an additional four (4) weeks suspension.





The Panel and Committees are fully committed to protecting our referees from abuse and threats.

### 3.2 Complaints Against Other Clubs

This year the Management Committee has received a number of complaints from Clubs regarding relatively minor incidents involving other Clubs. These matters can be very time-consuming for the Management Committee and resolution often requires reference to the Disciplinary Committee and appearances by both Clubs, usually at inconvenient times for their Executive Officers. Clubs are encouraged to attempt to resolve these matters at Club level if possible before referring them to the Association.

### 3.3 Clubs to Act Under Codes of Contact

It is assumed that all Clubs have Codes of Conduct covering players, team officials and spectators with sanctions available for breaches of these Codes. All Clubs should be well aware of their possible problem areas, teams and officials, keep them under a level of supervision, take responsibility for any adverse behaviour and take action under the provisions of their Codes without delay when necessary. Some Clubs have taken strong action this season, including imposing penalties, with only minor involvement by the Association.

### 3.4 Protection for Young Referees

It is apparent that some Clubs are not showing the necessary respect and tolerance to young referees, particularly the female referees, often receiving abuse and criticism from spectators and officials. Clubs should ensure that Ground Controllers pay particular attention to these games and take action to protect all referees from abuse and other adverse behaviour from spectators and officials. Clubs are requested to remind Managers of their responsibilities under Rule 29. C.

## 4. Treasurer

4.1 Financial Statements attached.

## 5. SSFC

5.1 The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade side is undefeated and crowd size is increasing. Reserve Grade is running second.

5.2 The Under 11 Rep. side won the Football NSW Frank Broughton Cup.





## 6. **President**

- 6.1 Washed out matches 7/8/9.6.08. The season will be extended one extra week. Round 5 Saturday and Round 11 Sunday will be replayed on the weekend after Round 18. The Finals Series will now be played out three weekends. The last weekend in August held in reserve should a Finals round be washed out.
- 6.2 The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Sue Holloway on her work over the draw. There have been 71 Amendments so far.
- 6.3 Clubs not wanting to host Finals Series need to contact the Association office.
- 6.4 Home of Football – A strategic document should be ready within the next three weeks for the Management Committee to peruse.
- 6.5 Seymour Shaw 1 Club Games – Some Clubs have requested transfers of full days. There are still some dates available and interested Clubs need to contact the Association.

## 7. **General Business**

- 7.1 Referees need to be consistent with uniform fines.
- 7.2 Whilst there are not enough referees to cover all games, comment was made that there may need to a more random selection of referees where referees do not cover the same Club every week.
- 7.3 Ground Control needs to be visible on grounds, walking through spectators and vigilant towards potential problems.
- 7.4 Bosco FC are running a Breast Cancer Awareness Program.
- 7.5 Sutherland Titans continue to run well and thanks to the Association for their continued support. The Association will contact the Referees Association to get referees for their matches.

Football NSW will be running a Coaching Session for the Titans with Norm Boardman running the course.

- 7.6 All Application to Register forms must be returned to the Association by 16.6.08.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

